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FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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MERGER OF NATIONALISED BANKS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to merge some nationalised banks to improve efficiency and profitability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Narsimhan Committee had also recommended merger of nationalised banks;

(d) if so, whether any nationalised banks made applications for merger;

(e) if so, the details of such applications ; and

(f) the present status of the applications?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b) : No Sir, At present there is no proposal under consideration of Government to merge nationalised banks.

(c) : The Narsimham Committee had recommended in its report that initiatives for mergers between public sector banks should emanate from the management of the concerned banks and should be based on synergy and business complementarity

(d), (e) & (f) : No nationalised bank has so far made any application for merger with another bank.